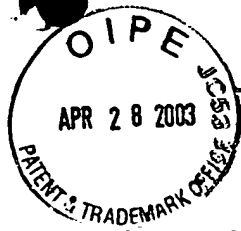


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Sir:

This Election is submitted in response to the restriction requirement dated April 8, 2003. The Examiner stated that the application includes claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions. In particular, the Examiner identified the first invention as being set forth in claims 1-8 and 11-14 and defining an insulation-displacement connector apparatus. The Examiner identified the second invention as being set forth in claims 9 and

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10 and defining an insulation-displacement connector connecting method. The Examiner required the applicants to elect one of these two patentably distinct inventions.

The applicants hereby elect the first invention. However, the Examiner is respectfully requested to take note of the fact that this application includes a total of fifteen claims, and it is believed that the elected invention should be considered to include claims 1-8 and 11-15. Accordingly, the applicants elect claims 1-8 and 11-15. This election is made without traverse.

Early and favorable action on the claims is solicited.

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